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1. ALL LOCAL MEDIA CARRYING NEWS OF CLOSED MEETING ON CAPITAL HILL BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AND REPRESENTATIVE O' NEILL AND SENATORS KENNEDY AND MOYNIHAN JUNE 9 WITH NORTHERN IRELAND AS SUBJECT. REPORTS ARE GENERALLY STRAIGHT NEWS WITH LITTLE SPECULATION. SECSTATE IS QUOTED AS TELLING REPORTERS AFTERWARD: "THIS IS A PROBLEM OF GREAT CONCERN TO ALL OF US. WE SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND." BBC RADIO JUNE 10 CARRIED SHORT STATEMENT BY SENATOR KENNEDY AND HE IS QUOTED IN PRESS AS SAYING: "THE PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO BE SETTLED BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES BUT THERE MAY BE WAYS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE INITIATIVES IN THAT DIRECTION. WE ARE VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE FAILURE OF THE GENERAL STRIKE IN THE NORTH, THE GROWTH OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT, THE SERIOUSNESS OF MR. MASON'S EFFORTS TO TRY TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN BRINGING ABOUT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION AND THE EFFORTS OF MR. FITZGERALD."

2. JOHN HUME, DEPUTY LEADER OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND
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LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) WAS FEATURED ON MAIN ULSTER BBC RADIO NEWS PROGRAM JUNE 9. HE COMMENTED THAT MEETING WAS INDICATIVE OF CONCERN OF TWENTY MILLION IRISH IN AMERICA AND HINTED THAT UNITED STATES MIGHT HELP SOLVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, SPECIFICALLY UNEMPLOYMENT. REVEREND IAN PAISLEY IN BRIEF RADIO COMMENT JUNE 10 SAID THAT SENATOR KENNEDY AND THE OTHER (CONGRESSMEN) BELIEVED IN A UNITED IRELAND

AND WERE NO FRIENDS OF LOYALIST PEOPLE OF ULSTER.

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